

# Categories for CEEC Priorities – 2025

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***CEEC should monitor relevant bills at the state level. This should be a theme across all categories, so that working groups encourage advocacy on key legislation supporting town goals.***

## **1. Nature-based Solutions for Environmental Health**

CEEC should support community awareness and involvement in existing initiatives; we should lead or launch new programs only where gaps are identified. (This would include working with the schools.)

Nature-based solutions include more micro and project-based areas such as:

- Safe ways to school; Bike-friendly Town; East Coast Greenway (Supporting role)
- Trees for Bloomfield & Tree City USA (Leading role to get Tree City designation)
- Waste Management Programs (Composting next steps, Recycling, Anti-litter campaign)
- Bird-safe Measures (Educational programming, dark skies project)
- Pollinator Pathways
- PFAS Ordinance, include artificial turf
- Extreme heat education, with impact of extreme heat on human health
- Bi-annual Shred and Small Electronics Recycling Day

## **2. Electric Generation, Renewable Energy, Efficiency & Affordability**

Areas suggested to be included in this category include:

- Electric vehicles (including school buses) and charging infrastructure
- Solar on municipal buildings, schools, and private developments
- Municipal electricity usage update and year comparison (prioritize this)

## **3. Climate Change Resiliency & Hazard Mitigation**

These include more institutional areas such as:

- The Climate Task Force
- Support for an Environmental Planner
- Contents of the town's updated POCD
- Goals under SustainableCT
- Town emergency plans for climate and general emergencies

## **4. Communication**

CEEC should develop a communication plan with the objective to extend the impact of education & outreach initiatives across the community. Elements of the plan can include "Green News" articles in the Bloomfield Messenger, updated CEEC town webpage content, "This Week in Bloomfield" weekly e-newsletter.